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TOYS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN OF DEPLOYED SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN

HARTFORD, Conn., - Toys are needed for children of deployed Soldiers and Airmen of the Connecticut National Guard in support of Operation E.L.F. (Embracing Lonely Families).

This year's Operation E.L.F. focuses on helping family members and their children.

For the families, donations of new, unwrapped toys for all age groups, both sexes, are being sought. Many of the toys that are collected will be distributed to families of deployed service members during a special holiday party which is scheduled for mid-December. Other toys will be held by families to be placed under trees on Christmas morning.

"New, unwrapped toys for newborns through eighteen year-old young adults are needed," said Kim Hoffman, Family Program Director of the Connecticut National Guard. "With more than 970 Soldiers and Airmen deployed from the Connecticut National Guard, approximately 530 children are hoping to receive gifts from Santa this year."

Toys can be dropped off at following armories now through Monday, December 11, 2006, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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Army Aviation Support Facility

Bradley International Airport
Route 75
Windsor Locks, CT 06096

Manchester Armory

Manchester Armory
330 Main Street
Manchester, CT 06040

New London Armory

249 Bayonet Street
New London, CT 06320

Norwich Armory

38 Stott Avenue
Norwich, CT 06360

State Armory Hartford

360 Broad Street
Hartford, CT 06105

Waterbury Armory

64 Field Street
Waterbury, CT 06702

Stratford Armory

63 Armory Road
Stratford, CT 06614

For further information you can contact the Operation E.L.F. hotlines at 1-800-858-2677, (860) 524-4922, 4924.

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